

REMARKS

This application is filed as a continuation to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/135,315. The '315 application received a Notice of Allowance dated April 21, 2003. The named inventors of the '315 application included Paul Kelley and Scott Moersdorf. Inadvertently, through error and without any deceptive intent, a third joint inventor, David M. Melrose, was omitted. Thus, the present application is filed as a continuation to the '315 application and corrects the inventorship. To this end, a new Declaration is provided with this application and properly identifies and is executed by all three inventors, David M. Melrose, Paul Kelley and Scott Moersdorf.


Therefore, the '315 application will be permitted to lapse in favor of the present application in which inventorship has been corrected.

This Preliminary Amendment places the claims of the present application in the same condition as those that were allowed in the '315 application. To this end, claims 8, 9, 16 and 17 have been canceled, and new claims 21 and 22 have been added. Thus, claims 1-7, 10-15 and 18-22 are pending and are identical to those that received a Notice of Allowance in the '315 application. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations stated in canceled claims 8 and 9, and independent claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations stated in canceled claims 16 and 17. Claims 1, 3 and 15 have been amended to comply with 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and the dependency of claims 10-12, 18 and 19 have been amended. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are presented. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for the present application is respectfully requested.

A favorable action on the merits is therefore requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment for entering this Preliminary
Amendment to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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